Arbor Day Poster Contest Now Open

PHOTO: Shannon Last of Heritage Elementary (at right) was New Castle County's winner for Grades 3 and 4 in the 2021 poster contest.

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DOVER, Del. (January 13, 2022) – The Delaware Forest Service is now seeking entries for its annual [Arbor Day Poster Contest,](#) open to all K-5 public, private, homeschool, after-school, and other organized youth groups. Designed to increase student knowledge about trees and forest resources, the contest is a great way for students to learn about the role trees play in our communities and their direct impact on Delawareans' health and well-being.

*This year's theme, **"Trees Are Terrific…for Today and Tomorrow!"** highlights the long-lasting impact of planting a tree and the benefits it continues to provide to our community.*

***2022** marks the **150th anniversary of Arbor Day**, the holiday that celebrates planting trees!*

*Arbor Day is **Friday, April 29**.*

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Posters will be judged on originality, use of theme, neatness, and artistic expression. Each winner receives a gift card, a tree-themed book, and a tree planting at their school. Twelve

winners will be selected, one from each county in four grade categories: kindergarten, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4, and grade 5. All participating classes receive free loblolly pine seedlings delivered to their school, just in time to celebrate Arbor Day!

The 12 winners will be invited to the annual **Statewide Arbor Day Celebration** hosted by Governor Carney. A tree planting ceremony will also be scheduled at each winner's school to celebrate Arbor Day. The deadline to register is **March 9**, with entries submitted by **April 1**.

Register to Participate and Receive Seedlings:

2022arbordaypostercontest.eventbrite.com

Contest Guidelines and Teacher Resources

tinyurl.com/rzzagf6 (Shared Google Drive)

Planting a tree is a fun activity we can enjoy today, knowing that the tree will continue to improve our lives over time. Trees planted throughout our communities not only provide beauty but help shade our streets and schoolyards and create habitat and food for wildlife. Trees planted today will also be terrific "tomorrow" as they improve air quality, muffle noise, moderate air temperatures, filter run-off into streams and rivers, and reduce energy consumption.

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